

32. (New) An interlock circuit for use in a vehicle having an on-board power supply, a gear shift lever, a parking brake, and an auxiliary device, the interlock circuit being provided to prevent the operation of the vehicle when the auxiliary device is in a pre-selected certain operative state, the circuit comprising:

a microprocessor; and

at least one sensor for sensing when the auxiliary device is in a pre-selected state, wherein the circuit is adapted to prevent the gear shift lever from being shifted when the auxiliary device is in the pre-selected state.

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment cancels the pending claims and adds new Claims 28 through 32. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by these changes.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-624-3947 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is

confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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